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Media Release/Photo Opportunity

Corpse Flower (*Amorphophallus konjac*) is in Bloom!

WHO: Andrea Schepmann, Assistant Manager of the Krohn Conservatory.

WHAT: One of the bizarre oddities of the plant world is now blooming at the Krohn Conservatory. The *Amorphophallus konjac*, or Corpse Flower, was donated to the conservatory one month ago. It has been growing 2-5 inches each day since then, and the flower began to open today, March 21, 2005.

In addition to the unusual look of the flower bud and leaf, the odor of the open flower smells like rotting meat. The plant genus *Amorphophallus* belongs to the family of Araceae (aroid family) and is estimated to encompass some 170 species. They grow mainly in the tropics from West Africa eastward into Polynesia.

WHEN: Currently at the Krohn Conservatory for a short period of time.
Open to the public 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
The Media is encouraged to come out and take pictures.

WHERE: Krohn Conservatory, 1501 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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